## NATIONAL CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING SELF-ASSESSMENT (NCMHCE)

## OPTION INSTEAD OF ORAL EXAMINATION

## WITH LAC PETITION FOR LPC LICENSE

The NCMHCE <u>option</u> is available for any LAC who petitions for Licensed Professional Counselor license upon completion of the required supervised Client Contact Hours (CCH) as a Licensed Associate Counselor or a Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist.

The LAC may petition the board to take the NCMHCE with the approval of the contracted supervisor. When approved, the applicant may apply to NBCC and take the NCMHCE upon completion of 2500 CCH's of the required supervision. The passing score will be the national cut score.

No Oral Examination will be required IF the LAC petition's to become a LPC UNDER the NCMHCE option. When the passing score on the NCMHCE, all supervised CCH'S are completed and documented, revised statement of intent and LPC license fee are received, the LPC may be issued and supervision may cease.

If the LAC/LPC applies for the Arkansas Clinical Mental Health Counselor License and has completed the NCMHCE OPTION, the applicant must come for an oral interview with the Board for the Specialization License.

The information is to be placed in THE LAC packets. Test dates will be the same as the dates established for the NCE and all examinations will be administered by NBCC. The candidate will send test application and test fee directly to NBCC.

All LAC's and supervisors will be notified of this change immediately. The information will be placed on the web under Supervision policies.

NBCC will accept the scores on the Arkansas NCMHCE if the individual applies for national certification by NBCC as a Clinical Mental Health Counselor. The individual will not have to repeat the examination.

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